

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the eightieth day of December 2007, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Karen H. Hodock, John C. Thompson, Jason R. Ramsey, Henry Blessing

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator; Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator;
Frank Slavin, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Hodock called the December 18, 2007, regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Mr. Blessing.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Mrs. Hodock led the pledge alliance to the flag.

DECEMBER 18, 2007 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the December 18, 2007 meeting agenda as amended was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the consent agenda as presented to include the meeting minutes of November 27, December 4th and December 12, 2007; payroll of November 30, 2007 in the amount of \$78,509.16, bills for the month of December totaling \$174,842.81,1 and reports as presented was made by Henry Blessing, and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Marty Halloway, VDOT Residency Administrator, provided updates on county projects to include; 1) Rt.52 bridge project progressing; 2) overlays of Rt. 612 and I-77; 3) Rt. 608 surface treat to be done when weather permits; 4) Schoolhouse road closing update; and 5) the comment period for the new subdivision street requirements

Mr. Ramsey reported vandalism to the community signs in Hollybrook.

SOCIAL SERVICES OCTOBER 2007, REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Social Services October 2007 report in the amount of \$47,558.46 with the local of \$6,375.18 was made by John Thompson, and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes; and Jason Ramsey, yes. The motion passed.

SCHOOLS JANUARY 2007 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOVE to approve and appropriate the Schools January 2007 requisition in the amount of \$750,000.00; approve the filing of the meeting minutes of November 26th and to approve the check registers submitted for the month of November 2007 was made by Jason Ramsey, and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

E-911 COORDINATOR REPORTS

Willie Howlett, Coordinator presented the December 2007 Emergency Services monthly report of activities and advised of changes needed to the 9-1-1 equipment.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Harry Shupe, representative appeared before the board with the latest library statistics.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Dempsey, resident, spoke to the board with his concerns regarding the recent tax assessment and the long term implication this assessment will have on the county.

Elmer Chewning, resident, spoke on the tax levy rates of adjoining counties in comparison to the levy rate of Bland County.

Rita Palmer appeared with the concern of a proposed sewer plant being located less than a ½ mile from the courthouse and upon the land joining her property. Ms. Palmer requested that the board rethink the decision to locate a sewer plant within the Bland area.

Joan Carver, Roanoke County resident, spoke on the recent tax assessed value of her land locked property showing an increase of 424%.

APPOINTMENTS

Mount Rogers Planning District Commission

*****MOTION to reappoint Karen Hodock to the MRPDC, a 4 year term to expire 12-31-2011 and Brenda Thompson as Member At Large to the MRPDC, a 4 year term to expire 12-31-2011 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

District III Governmental Cooperative (Board of Commissioners)

*****MOTION to reappoint Karen Hodock to District III and John Thompson as the alternate, for a one year term was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

MRPDC Transportation Rural Technical Committee

*****MOTION to appoint Andrew Cassell to the MRPDC, a 4 year term to expire 12-31-2011 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

Board of Equalization

*****MOTION to appoint Keith Myers, Larry Dempsey, Amy Harden, and Luther Harless to the Board of Equalization, a one year term to expire 12-31-08 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

MTN HOME PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

*****MOTION that the Mtn. Home Project public hearing be scheduled for January 22, 2008 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

SKIP DILLOW MEMORIAL BASEBALL FIELD BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVED

*****MOTION to waive the building permit fees in the amount of \$224.21 for improvements to the Skip Dillow Memorial baseball field was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION POOL APPLICATION – RAMSEY TABLED

The Local Government Education Pool Application received was tabled. _

PERSONNEL POLICY’S PROPOSED CHANGES TABLED

No action was taken toward the proposed changes to the County’s Personnel Policy.

NACO DRUG CARD UPDATE

The County Administrator provided an update on the usage and savings to county residents utilizing the NACo Prescription Drug Card.

2008 BOS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED

This meeting was continued till the Organizational Meeting of January 2, 2008.

Karen H. Hodock, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator